



SUMMER 2021 ISSUE

THE Bedan Record

WE DID IT!



OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR,

the resilience and flexibility of our St. Bede students was tested as never before. Despite adversity, our students saw 'rite of passage' moments such as Spirit Day, Prom, Spring Athletics, Senior Picnic and Commencement. As we look forward to this school year, we look back with fondness on the Class of 2021. Congratulations - You Did It!





Dear Alumni, Family and Friends,



For over a year, we have experienced a pandemic, witnessed racial inequalities and watched political tensions played out. This has been a very challenging period of time. However, it has also been a time of extraordinary graces and blessings, a time of incredible generosity and hope for each other and our world. That hope comes from our Catholic and Benedictine heritage. Our school year was filled with constant changes but Saint Bede responded to these by turning to what has worked for us for over 130 years, our Benedictine values. We worked hard this past school year to reimagine nearly all aspects of campus life and we came together to ensure a safe and rewarding in-person experience. A tremendous amount of ingenuity, compassion, and student-centered decision-making went into creating a successful school year. And feel confident that we continue with that promise as we embark on our new school year and welcome the Class of 2025.

Enjoy this issue of *The Bedan Record*. Even though life was disrupted by the pandemic, what will resonate with every page is that we have persevered as a family and have grown even stronger in the face of so many unique challenges. Our students showed resilience, our faculty and staff, compassion and you, our biggest supporters, incredible generosity. Because of you, what stands out and means so much to each and every one of us, is we always persevere and we thank you.

As our Bruins start a new school year, reflect on the countless blessings we experienced through this unusual time. Your generosity, friendship and support have sustained and continue to transform the Saint Bede community. We are so grateful for all the ways you make Saint Bede an amazing place. Because of you, our foundation has remained unshaken.

Sincerely,

Julia Yaklich
 Director of Mission Advancement & Major Gifts
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129th Annual *COMMENCEMENT*



Valedictorian Elaina Wamhoff



Salutatorian Jacob Schirz

The Class of 2021 Legacies

Marissa Beth Boehm	Mark '83 & Mary (Ludford) '84 Boehm
Joseph Arlo Edwall.....	Angelyn (Mrowicki) Edwall '92
Sophia Grace Ferrari.....	Luke '98 & Charissa (Jereb) '97 Ferrari
Erik Oskar Flodstrom.....	Claire (Toraason) Cummings '83
Griffen Michael Heuser.....	Heidi Heuser '83
Brady Alexander Hurst.....	John Hurst '79
Gunnar James Jauch.....	Dana (Strell) Jauch '91
Claire Marie Morrow.....	Mike '90 & Mary (Dellatori) '96 Morrow
Allison Christine Morton.....	Quinta (Eckard) Naffziger '90
Caroline Cate Moskalewicz.....	Jim '82 & Amy (Dobovsky) '86 Moskalewicz
Nathan Stanley Potthoff.....	Jack Potthoff '90
Teghan Mae Tillman.....	Joe Tillman '96

Class of 2021 - Where Will They Go Next?



Michelle Mershon, Angelo Perino, Eve Postula, Sarah Stariha and Nick McLaughlin



Grace Mertel and Amber Meagher



Owen Espel



Nicholas Pearse, Logan Zeglis, James Sanchez, Ethan Fleming, Dominic Bima and Timothy Croissant are excited for graduation.

- Dominic John Bima - *Work Force*
- Levi Collins Bland - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Marissa Beth Boehm - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Nathan Charles Carlson - *Illinois State University*
- Timothy Daniel Croissant - *Work Force*
- Timothy Quinton Daluga - *Southern Illinois University*
- Braden James Damerell - *Eureka College*
- Perla Marina De La Torre - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- Elizabeth Marie Echols - *Florida Gulf Coast University*
- Joseph Arlo Edwall - *Work Force*
- Owen Zachary Espel - *Ferris State University*
- Sophia Grace Ferrari - *University of Iowa*
- Frederick Edward Fess - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Ethan William Fleming - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Erik Oskar Flodstrom - *Gap Year*
- Yadhira Ruby Garcia - *Marquette University*
- Beau Lucas Gerber - *Western Michigan University*
- Austin Michael Godwin - *United States Air Force*
- Brandon Gillette Green - *Saint Norbert College*
- Logan Dean Griggs - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Alyssa Rhea Heitz - *University of Alabama*
- Griffen Michael Heuser - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Brady Alexander Hurst - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Gunnar James Jauch - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Benjamin Dennis Johll - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Nicholas Anthony Kerasotes - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Lucy Helena Kleczewski - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- Addison Shay Lee - *Joliet Junior College*
- Chenxi Li - *University of Wisconsin*
- Jinheng Li - *University of California*
- Logan William Link - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Audrey Sonia Lopez - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- Mary Katherine Lowery - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Reese Victoria Ludford - *Marquette University*
- Mia Elizabeth Marquez - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Mia Sophia Mazzorana - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Amber Lynn Meagher - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Grace May Mertel - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Isabelle Arlene Monroe - *Marquette University*
- Claire Marie Morrow - *Marquette University*
- Allison Christine Morton - *Queens University*
- Caroline Cate Moskalewicz - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Nicholas Jerome Pearse - *University of Wisconsin*
- Nathan Stanley Potthoff - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- Matthew Donald Rich - *Illinois Valley Community College/Army Reserves*
- Zachary Michael Roebuck - *United States Air Force*
- James Joseph Sanchez - *Gap Year*
- Jacob Nicholas Schirz - *University of Notre Dame*
- Shawn Jacob Schwemlein - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Noah Robert Setser - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Maksat Sharshekeev - *Roosevelt University*
- Emily Renee Szczepaniak - *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- Richard Joseph Talbot - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Madalyn Constance Theesfeld - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Teghan Mae Tillman - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Elaina Jean Wamhoff - *University at Albany-State University of New York*
- Xianbing Wang - *Syracuse University*
- Cassie Lynn Williams - *Illinois Valley Community College*
- Logan Hunter Zeglis - *Illinois Valley Community College*

Honor AWARDS

FR. KEVIN GORMAN AWARD

Front row: (L-R) Caroline Moskalewicz,
Dominic Bima and Claire Morrow;
Back row: (L-R) Nicholas Pearse,
Marissa Boehm and Nathan Potthoff



2021 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

Jacob Schirz
Elaina Wamhoff

CLASS OF 2021 TOP TEN

Left to right:
Elaina Wamhoff,
Cassie Williams,
Jacob Schirz,
Lucy Kleczewski,
Nicholas Pearse,
Emily Szczepaniak,
Nathan Potthoff,
Audrey Lopez,
Alyssa Heitz and
Isabelle Monroe





SENIOR OF THE YEAR
Jacob Schirz



SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD
Nathan Pothoff and Elaina Warnhoff



ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD
Marissa Boehm and Braden Damerell



SBA Scholastic Bowl IHSA Sectional Champions

The Scholastic Bowl Team won the 1A SBA IHSA Regional Competition against Putnum County and went on to defeat Riverdale to claim the 2021 IHSA Sectional Champion Title.

St. Bede WYSE Team Scores Big at State

Out of the Division 300 group the WYSE team took 4th place at State with a total score of 376.

Students who received state medals:

Biology

3rd Place - Wilt Cao

Chemistry

2nd Place - David Liu, 3rd Place - Aaron Wang

3rd Place - Wilt Cao

Computer Science

3rd Place - Thomas Matlock

English

5th Place - Cassie Williams

Mathematics

4th Place - Aaron Wang, 4th Place - David Liu

Physics

3rd Place - Jacob Schirz



Athletics

DEAR BRUIN FANS,



It was quite the year for Bruin Athletics! We tested live-streaming for the first time in Saint Bede history, were able to compete at a high level and found quite a bit of success.

As the school year played out, there were a lot of unknowns on what could happen. The one thing that wasn't unknown was the resolve of the coaches we have at Saint Bede. Each of them weathered the storm. They were positive role models for our student-athletes. They rolled with the punches. They were truly dedicated partners in our Saint Bede student-athletes' education.

Outside of that, we were truly blessed to have some of the most incredible student-athletes in the area. Our athletes played multiple sports at one time, gave their best effort on the court or field, and in the classroom as well. They were the truest form of a student-athlete. I feel a sense of pride to know and work with these students.

In this issue of *The Bedan Record* you will see some of the incredible accomplishments of our student-athletes: in a year that was marked with challenges, each of them showed up, worked their hardest and improved. The work-ethic of our student-athletes and our coaches have Saint Bede primed for success for this upcoming school year.

Go Bruins!

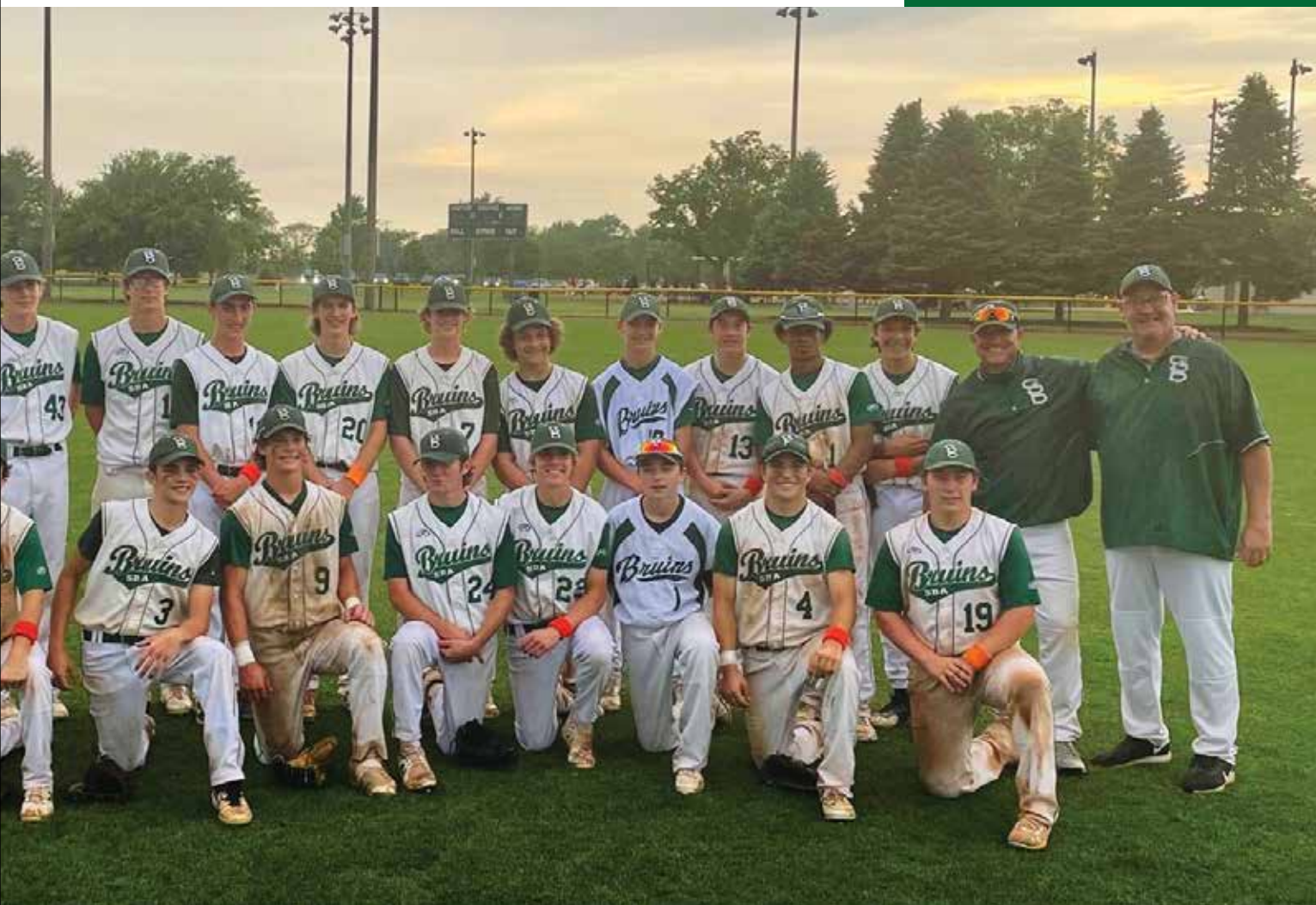
Nick McLaughlin
Assistant Principal and Athletic Director



Wrestling

The SBA Wrestling Team placed 3rd overall as a team at the Regional Tournament and had nine wrestlers qualify for the Sectional Tournament.





Baseball

The Varsity Baseball Team are 2021 Regional Champions! The boys defeated Yorkville Christian 17-11 to claim the title.



Football

The Varsity Football Team posted an impressive mark of 5-1 during the rescheduled spring Football Season.

Track & Field

Both Boys and Girls Track & Field Teams competed at the IHSA Sectional Track & Field Meet this season.



Teghan placed 13th at State in the High Jump.



Duncan Lawler '22 qualified as a Sectional Champion in the High Jump after clearing 1.8 meters at the IHSA Sectional Track & Field Meet in El Paso-Gridley.



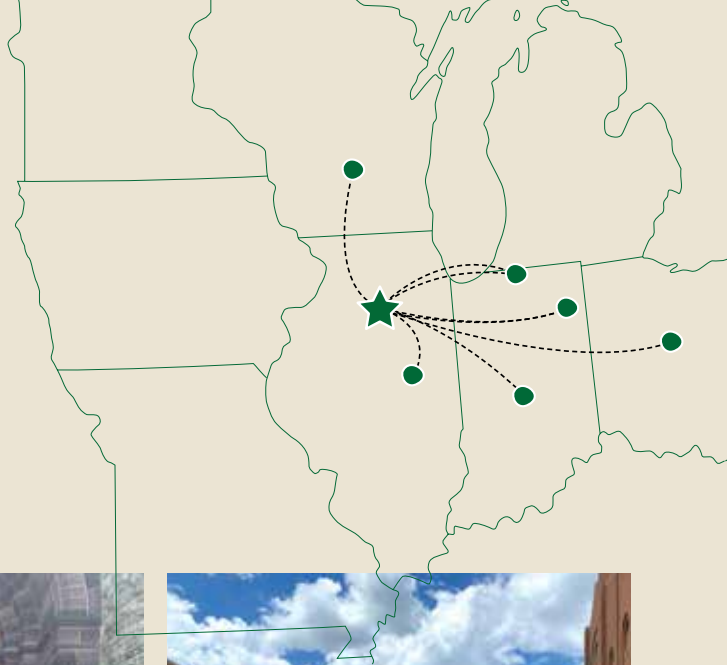
Zack Roebuck '21 finished in second place in the 300M Hurdles at the IHSA Sectional Track & Field Meet this year, qualifying him for State with a time of 41.87.



Anna Lopez '23 and Teghan Tillman '21 competed at the IHSA State Track & Field Meet this year.

Boarder TRAVEL

Nine St. Bede Chinese boarding students were unable to return home due to pandemic travel restrictions and stayed on-campus over the summer. Marcia Wagner, Dean of Residential Programs, took the boarding students on a Midwest College Road Tour, June 12-18. Students traveled to University-Wisconsin Madison, University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, Ohio State University, University of Indiana, Purdue University and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.



2021 BOARDING PROGRAM UPDATE

After a year of learning remotely from China, St. Bede's boarders returned to campus this August and brought some old friends with them! Seven new freshmen from Kinglee School in Zhengzhou, China will be joining the boarding program this year, bringing our total number of new and returning boarders to 26. These 26 students represent seven different countries: United States, China, Mexico, Germany, Turkey, Brazil and Japan.

Having a multi-cultural and diverse boarding group prepares our future graduates for life in the modern world where they will be working alongside or remotely with people from all over the world. Studies have shown that students work better in a diverse environment. They concentrate more. With people from different backgrounds alongside them, they push themselves to do better. And with more differing viewpoints, they become more creative and collaborative in finding solutions.

Plans are in place to foster even more diversity in our boarding program and grow in numbers both domestically and internationally. If you would like more information about boarding for your child or family members, please reach out to Marcia Wagner, Dean of Residential Programs, at mwagner@st-bede.com.



38th Annual AUCTION

SAINT BEDE AUCTION REACHES A HISTORIC HALF MILLION

The St. Bede Auction and Special Events made history and reached new heights by netting \$500,000 and surpassing all of our goals for the year. An extraordinary accomplishment! For the first time ever, on June 19, 2021, the auction was held in the Perino Science Center with just over one hundred people in attendance.

Our Fund-A-Need goal to repair the Abbey Church skylight windows was achieved with an outstanding \$205,000, allowing us to start renovations. On the night of the auction, with a lead gift of \$15,000 from the Miller Group Charitable Trust, Angelo Perino '80 offered to match the lead gift if another person in the room joined him, and a paddle was raised. From that level on, paddles were raised high from the \$10,000 to \$250. Through a second appeal and a paddle drop, the goal of \$205,000 was exceeded.

We extend a special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, The J.A. Happ Family Foundation, and our Green and White Sponsors, Cawley Chicago and Dr. Edward Doran and Gina Doran.

New to this year's auction was a Jayco Redhawk SE 27N Class C Motorhome provided by Fourwinds RV and the brand-new Mega Raffle. Highlights from the live auction included an exclusive Silver Oak package donated by David and Kary Duncan, which sold for \$11,000, and a Rich Harvest Farms package which sold three times and was kindly matched by Jerry Rich, adding to the \$500,000 net figure.

Several times during the evening the St. Bede family strived to reach the goal needed in order to start work on the Abbey Church. As the live auction was concluding and it was announced that the Fund-A-Need was \$30,000 shy of the goal, two donors agreed to donate half, if those in the room could raise the other half. With Abbot Philip Davey at the front of the room, paddles started to raise once again until the goal was reached and the group broke out in applause.

The generosity from our St. Bede family was incredibly moving this year. We are truly blessed as this is what makes it possible to keep our tuition affordable and offer a Catholic education to anyone who seeks it.

Bonnie Prokup did an outstanding job in the organization and execution, making this year's in-person auction a successful reality and reaching amazing totals for St. Bede.

Not even a pandemic can shake a 130-year foundation and we are deeply grateful to all the donors on campus, online and on their phones this year. A special thanks to our sponsors, supporters and underwriters, and those who dedicated their time in support of St. Bede Academy.



SAVE THE DATE for the 39th St. Bede Auction June 18, 2022 in the Perino Science Center

We are looking for condo stays, airline tickets, hotel nights, sporting, concert event tickets, or any unique opportunity you may have to share. Please contact bprokup@st-bede.com.



*Just
imagine...*

the difference
YOU made!

\$500,000

Total for Auction and Special Events

\$205,000

Fund-A-Need with outstanding
match support

**NEW MEGA RAFFLE
SELLS OUT!**

6TH YEAR

Successful mobile bidding



**AUCTION
WINNERS!**





Legacy Project

Sub-phase 4
Windows
\$1,000,000

Sub-phase 3
Classrooms
\$1,200,000

Sub-phase 4
First Floor Corridor
\$1,000,000

Sub-phase 1
Second Floor Corridor
\$1,000,000

The Legacy Project

As we begin a new school year, we have good news that the funding for Phase Three continues to move forward. We have been working hard to reach our goal for Sub-Phase 1 to enable us to begin work on the Second Floor of the Academy.

Your support is so important to the success of our capital campaign. We have been inspired by all of you who were able to make a gift to the Legacy Project during a year when many of us faced new challenges and uncertainties in our own lives. We have truly been blessed with your generosity.

Thanks to new and renewed pledges, donations and major gifts, we are proud to share that we are now close to two-thirds of the way to the first million dollars needed for Sub-Phase 1. It will be exciting to begin these important renovations to the historic building that means so much to all of us. The goal of Phase Three is to breathe new life into the Academy while maintaining its character and beauty, and including continuity with the Perino Science Center.

We will be reaching out to alumni and friends to share the details of planned renovations and ask for your support to raise the remaining \$350,000 needed to reach the goal of Sub-Phase 1.

Renovations to modernize the second-floor corridor will include modernization of fire-rated stairwells, and restoration of railings, new tile, air-conditioning and upgraded heating. Electrical system upgrade will allow Saint Bede to utilize better technology and improve lighting.



WE'RE MORE THAN HALF WAY THERE!

When safe to do so, Abbot and I will be making in-person visits. In the meantime, Zoom calls, phone calls and the mail will spread the news, allowing us to keep the momentum going. You can view the new Legacy Project brochure on our website at www.st-bede.com/legacyproject. A Legacy Project video is in progress and I am very excited to share it upon its completion.

We continue to spread the news on how matching gift donations significantly make a difference and impact in helping us reach our capital campaign goals. Be sure to check www.st-bede.com/matchingfunds and see if your company, or your spouse's company, offers a matching gift program. The Development department has worked with many matching companies and the third-party organizations that manage the program for them. Please reach out to us so we can help with the process and make it easy for you.

There are many ways you can leave your legacy, be it through a personal gift, class gift, family gift, sibling gift, a special group of friends or a memorial gift, just to name a few. For more information on Phase Three and ways to give to the Legacy Project, visit our website at www.st-bede.com/legacyproject.

I would be happy to discuss opportunities for you to be involved in this most important capital renovation so St. Bede can continue its mission and make a difference in the lives of future students. I look forward to sharing with you these exciting plans for the future and how you can be a part of it.

With your help, Phase Three will continue to keep Saint Bede thriving and achieving amazing success.

Gratefully,

Julia Yaklich, Director of Mission Advancement & Major Gifts
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**PHASE THREE:
FUNDING FOR
SUB-PHASE 1**

Distinguished Alumnus Award



The St. Bede Alumni Association is pleased to announce the recipient of the **Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2021, Victor "Vic" Abell '56, JC '58.**

After his time as a boarder at St. Bede, Vic Abell attended St. Bede Junior College and graduated from the University of Illinois, with an AB Degree in liberal arts. In 1964 Vic accepted a position at Purdue University where he would work on the new graduate computer science program and would later retire as the Associate Director of the Purdue University Computing Center. During his 39-year tenure, Vic completed a Master of Science in Computer Science while also furthering scientific computing research at the Computing Center. One of his greatest successes was being able to connect three large CDC scientific computing systems; 6400, 6500 and 6600.

Vic's most significant achievements during his years at Purdue include developing *Lsof* (list open files), a tool for users and administrators to collect information about the file usage of running programs. *Lsof* is still used today, mostly on the Linux system. In its most active days, Vic made the program work on 25 different vendor UNIX systems and it was distributed worldwide. Vic was also instrumental in the development of the RHF network system for UNIX for supercomputers.

Vic is also a world-renowned ham radio operator. His radio call signal *W9RGB* was acquired at St. Bede when he was a junior and it is still in use today. Vic named the station with the suffix RGB because it reminded him of Fr. Eugene and his physics lessons on the visible light spectrum colors red, blue and green. Vic is a true family man, and devout Catholic. He lives in West Lafayette, IN where he raised three children with his wife Carol. He fondly recalls his time at the Academy and he attributes much of his success in his career to his time at St. Bede.

HOMEcoming 2021

September 23-26

Homecoming 2021 Tentative Schedule of Events
Celebrating classes ending in "0" & "5" and "1" & "6"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Homecoming Parade
Girls Powder Puff Football Game Immediately Following Parade

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Student Variety Show
Reunion Gatherings

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. – Jim Lattin 5k Run/Walk
10:00 a.m. – Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
11:00 a.m. – Alumni Association Open Meeting
11:30 a.m. – Tailgating & Reunion Gatherings Start
12:00 p.m. – Bedan Club Food Pavilion and Concessions Open
1:00 p.m. – Varsity Football Game vs. Riverdale
Half-Time Show Honoring Golden Bedan Classes '70 & '71
Evening Class Reunion Gatherings



BruinsJam 2021

After the varsity game, several Bruins-filled bands will perform

We are excited to share **Homecoming Reunion photos** in the next **Bedan Record**. Please have your class liaison capture a class photo at your reunion and send it to vgengler@st-bede.com, on or before **December 1, 2021**, to ensure your class is featured.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. – Alumni Mass & Induction of Golden Bedans – Classes '70 & '71
11:00 a.m. – Bruins Brunch
\$15 Pre-tickets Available or Payable at Door
11:30 a.m. – The Distinguished Alumnus Award Presented by the Alumni Association

Please contact Katherine Koyak at kkoyak@st-bede.com or 815-250-0278 for questions regarding Homecoming.

Any alumni interested in performing at BruinsJam 2021 should contact Joe at bruinsjam@joemajors.com for sign-up information.

Schedule is tentative and subject to change.
Please visit www.st-bede.com for updates.

CDC guidelines for outdoor and indoor events will be followed.

CLASS NOTES



Dr. Jim Mini '57 with his third great-grandchild Ford in Naples, FL. Ford is the son of one of Dr. Mini's 16 grandchildren.

SBA Alumni: Matt McGinnis '85, John O'Reilly '61, Tom McGinnis '79 and Tom Whalen '58; four decades of Bruins played golf at Grayhawk Golf Course in Phoenix, AZ.



Norman Walzer '60 recently received an Illinois Municipal League Lifetime of Service Award. He is Professor Emeritus at WIU and was a Senior Research Scholar at the NIU Center for Governmental Studies.



Leo Caron '60 is living in San Diego and has three great grandchildren, two grandchildren and is still happily working part time.

Ed Armon '65 lives in Oklahoma close to his children and grandchildren.

Fr. Ronald Margherio '68 attended the One Bread, One Cup Summer Liturgical Leadership Conference in Meinrad, IN with SBA students; Ava Stone, Bella Hagenbuch, Michael Shaw, Johnathon Hackney and Gavin Hahn.



Larry Johnson '69 was selected to sculpt a signature art piece for the St. Charles Public Library.



Class of '69 Alumni: Peter Milcarek, Bill Dee (FaceTime on phone), Mike Dura, Mike Callan, Steve Stevens, Tom VanDaele, Frank Contoni and Mike Menton gathered to share memories of their SBA boarding days, at the home of Steve and Karla Stevens in Normal, IL.



Chris Cicala '71 created an art piece, inspired by Fr. Joseph, and shared it with **Abbot Philip Davey '65** during a recent visit to his home. Chris and his wife, Ginni are looking forward to his 50th reunion this fall.



Greg Vaccaro '72 was re-elected to his 2nd term as La Salle Country Circuit Clerk, and enjoys time with his six grandchildren.

James (Jay) Doherty '72 and Abbot Philip Davey, OSB '65 spent some time together touring Jay's company Erin Rope in Blue Island, IL.



Class of '76 Alumni: Joe Leydon, Mickey Venegas, Kevin Savio and Jim Savio '73 relaxed during a fishing trip on Lake Erie in June.



Lee Fox '76 and wife Susan enjoy spending time with their three children and five grandchildren. They hope to travel to the area for his 45th reunion this fall.

Maureen (Mattioda) Polster '76 is enjoying the best time of her life with kids **Courtney '02**, **Carlee '04** and **Jimmy '07**, and grandkids Alice, age 6, and Jack, age 4 (Courtney); Theo, age 2 (Carlee); and Rowan, age 1 (Jimmy).



Paul Sandrolini '76, **Gianna Grivetti '23**, **Jimmy Sandrolini '07** and **Jim Sandrolini '80** had a nice family visit in sunny Arizona.



David Hancock '77 and his daughter, **Sarah (Hancock) Frank '02** ran the 8-mile Skunk Hollow Sneaker Chase in Casper, WY, along the Natrona Cty Parks Multi-Use Trail System, with course elevations ranging from 7800-8100 ft.



Sarah (Liesse) Reichl '78 is enjoying life with her family and four grandchildren.

Class of '78 Alumni: Dave Noonan, Bob Gilligan, Gary Roach, Tim Murphy, Bill Ebener, Rich Dudek, Fran Brolley and John Toraason gathered for their annual fishing trip to Eagle Meir, PA.



Tom McGunnigal '88, **Jim Perona '88**, **Chris Wertz** and **Brad Derix '88** at Bear Dance Golf Club in Larkspur, CO.



Valerie (Resurreccion) Romo '89 was the recipient of Crain's Chicago Notable Health Care Heroes of 2020-2021. She is a Specialty Registered Nurse at Loyola Medicine in Hickory Hills.



Angelina (Davison) White '94 a local artist, recently started her own business AMW Perspective Photography.



Scott Wollack '00 was featured in The University of California Paul Merage School of Business for his work on block chain and carbon sequestration.



Erin (McGunnigal) '00 and Dan Heide's daughter, Allison, holds onto Mariah, daughter of **Katie Zemann '00** and Mike Plochocki during a recent playdate for the two alum/best friends.



Ryan King '11 will be transitioning into the Indiana Air National Guard at the 181st Intelligence Wing to support an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission.



Samuel Brolley '13 graduated from Notre Dame Law School in May 2021.

Nicole Yaklich '13, **Jon Yaklich '17**, **Adam Lenkaitis '17** and Julia Yaklich carried the flag out for the National Anthem on Opening Day 2.0 at Wrigley Field on June 11, 2021.



Gabrielle Mendoza '14 graduated with a Doctorate of Physical therapy in five and a half years and was accepted into an orthopedic residency program for one year while working at Edward Elmhurst Hospital.



CLASS NOTES *continued*



Megan Bolelli '17 graduated from the IVCC Nursing Program as a member of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society for the Class of 2021.



Jaci Cain '17 graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Honors Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology and Psychology from Marquette University. She will be a Graduate Assistant this fall as she starts graduate school for speech language pathology.



Annie Needs '17 finished 6th in the 3000 Steeplechase Event for the NCAA Division 3 National Outdoor Track & Field Championships qualifying her as an All-American.



Nick Plankenhorn '17 graduated from Drake University with a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science and Data Analytics.



Rodrigo Villalobos '18 was elected as the new Illinois State University Student Body President.

Peyton Pyszka '18, John Potthoff '19, Greg Wiesbrock and Tony Marzetta enjoyed the Rich Harvest Farms Golf Package Mr. Wiesbrock won at the St. Bede Annual Auction.



Mark Yaklich '19 pronounced **Owen Espel '21** an official Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor Ceremony this past April.



Gerry Ramella stopped for a visit and enjoyed a walk around campus with Abbot Philip in July. He reminisced and cherished the time he spent at St. Bede in the 60's with his "Uncle Pappy" who worked at St. Bede.



ST. BEDE WEDDINGS

Matthew Gallway '09 married Emily Ward on July 3, 2021.



Carly Ficek '12 and Robert "Robbie" Bowman were united in marriage on July 24, 2021.



Dakotah Baker '15 married Megan Hilt at Hornbaker Gardens on July 31, 2021.



ST. BEDE BABIES

Rich Fiocchi '00 and wife Kathleen welcomed their daughter Bridgett Fiocchi on December 5, 2020. She has two sisters Ruth-Anne (5) and Teresa (2).



Jon Blomquist '05 and wife Monica welcomed their new daughter, Charlotte Hazel Blomquist, on May 10, 2021.



Thomas Sitterly '05 and wife Justine welcomed their daughter Hannah Blake Sitterly on April 24, 2021. Claire Elise (3½) proudly shows off her younger sister.



Rosanna (Sanchez) Stuckert '08 and husband Jon welcomed twin daughters, Vivianna Janyce and Lola Daniella Stuckert, on March 29, 2021.



Laura (Hollander) Keeley '09 and husband Patrick welcomed their daughter, Emerson Mae Keeley, on April 2, 2021.



Joey and **Thea (Schwab) McNamara '09** welcomed their daughter, Eleanor Marie McNamara, on July 8, 2020.



Katherine (Toraason) '09 and **Andrew Koyak '10** welcomed their first child, Isla Kay Koyak, on March 22, 2021.

John and **Bekki (Prokup) Root '10** celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Josephine Frances Root, on July 4, 2021.



George (GW) Leynaud '15 married Cassidy Senica at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Peru on June 13, 2021.



Jacob Sanchez '17 married Emma Knirlberger at St. Patrick's Church in LaSalle on July 10, 2021.



Ross Kenseth '11 and wife Amber welcomed their son, Colt Matthew Kenseth, on April 8, 2021.

Abbey News



My friends, I pray that you are well.

When I last wrote, we were happy to announce that all the monks were vaccinated. Although we have made great progress, we still face many challenges.

I have been so impressed with the cooperation of our faculty, staff, students and parents the past 18 months. They continue to keep our student's health and safety top of mind. Many events, though held on a smaller scale, gave us the hope that life was starting to seem normal.

Our athletic teams were able to proudly represent St. Bede in the spring and the joy on their faces was evident. Even though many different sports were played in one combined season, everyone came to appreciate the joy of being together. This fall it is wonderful to know that our student-athletes are playing sports as normal.

Your support, along with the incredible leadership of the Academy has been crucial to keeping St. Bede moving forward. There have been so many efforts from so many people to keep us all working together and allow us to look to the future.

We were fortunate to host the auction in the Perino Science Center. It was the first large gathering since the pandemic started and the perfect venue for this event. During this most special night it was so wonderful to see the St. Bede family back together again. The generosity in the room moved me to tears many times. I was overwhelmed with gratitude to witness such amazing kindness for our students and especially the Abbey Church. With the fabulous feedback we received; we are excited to announce that the auction will be held June 18, 2022 in the Perino Science Center.

The water testing has been completed and the renovations for the Abbey Church Skylights will begin later this fall. It gives me great joy to see such projects begin and come to fruition. Because of your investment, prayers and support so much is being accomplished at St. Bede and we are continually grateful and blessed. We cannot continue to do what we are doing without you.

May God be with you. We have more dreams to unveil so stay tuned and continue to pray.

Abbot Philip Davey OSB

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Abbot Philip and Father Dominic express their gratitude and excitement as the water testing began on the Abbey Church Skylights.



Monk's Market, the sales outlet of St. Bede Abbey, offers many items produced by St. Bede monks such as handmade candles by Fr. Patrick and cookbooks written by Fr. Dominic, as well as a number of items for resale from other religious communities.

Shop online at www.monksmarket.com.

In Memoriam

Celebrating the lives of alumni, family and friends

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Edward Mayes '71

May 14, 2019
Jeanne Barr
Wife of Louis Barr '51

September 12, 2020
Edmund Pyrz '61

November 15, 2020
Robert Herrud '51

December 7, 2020
James Essl
Father of Jim '05 and Jack '10

December 15, 2020
Robert Herrick '57

December 22, 2020
Harold Connell JC '55

January 8, 2021
Donald Negro
Father of Michelle '86 †, Brenda '84,
Brian '84 and Christopher '92

February 7, 2021
Patricia Panneck Sondgeroth '77
Mother of Kelsey Thompson '09,
Haley '12 and Dominic '14

February 15, 2021
Kevin Davis '76

February 16, 2021
Brother Marion "Daniel" Sanchez '10

February 19, 2021
Thomas Acker '50

February 22, 2021
James Smith
Father of Nathan '93 and Toby '95

February 26, 2021
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Mother of Keith '74 and Jeffrey '76

February 26, 2021
Avalonne Moskalewicz
Mother of Thomas '70 and James '82

March 3, 2021
Brian Baze
Husband of Elizabeth (Zelenski) '98

March 5, 2021
Thomas Schellenberger '56

March 18, 2021
Joann Legner
Mother of James '87

March 21, 2021
Joyce Bierbrodt
Mother of Jeff '88

March 27, 2021
William Schulte '72
Father of Elizabeth '07 and
Gwendolyn '10

March 31, 2021
Regina Wojciechowski
Mother of James '66 and
Thomas '69

April 1, 2021
William Alblinger '47

April 4, 2021
Ronald Yanke
Father of Debra Burrows '76,
Ronald '78, Merry Noonan '81,
and Laurie Ulrich '84

April 6, 2021
Carol Hamilin
Wife of Jim Hamlin '55

April 9, 2021
Katherine Sienza
Mother of Debbie Kunkel,
employee of SBA

April 11, 2021
Roland Bekeleski
Father of Carmen Ator '74
and Ronada '80

April 26, 2021
Jerry Ptak '77

May 5, 2021
John Dee '67

May 11, 2021
Joseph Howard '48 JC '50

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Mother of Michael '72

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Versal Platt '71

May 21, 2021
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June 7, 2021
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Father of Terry '83

June 10, 2021
Rita Fitzgerald Welch
Mother of Franklin '76,
Christopher '78, Lisa '79,
Elena Aiello '81 and
Benita Sherman '82

June 15, 2021
Jason Bergandi
Son of Donald '65

June 25, 2021
John Slatner '60, JC '62

July 3, 2021
Dr. Daniel L. Hoffman '56

July 5, 2021
Rose Zombarcz
Mother of Bradley '66, Bud '68,
and Robert '71 †

July 5, 2021
Sandra Pyrz
Wife of George '67

July 10, 2021
Joan Giudici
Wife of Richard Giudici '46

July 19, 2021
Laureen (Studzinski) Duncan
Mother of Max '09, Alex,
and Haley

July 22, 2021
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Mother of Margaret '78 †,
Patricia Lapkin '79, Timothy '81,
and James '86

July 24, 2021
Steven Dacko
Father of Liz '93

July 24, 2021
Lois Mae Haas
Mother of Greg '68 and
Dan '72

July 27, 2021
Susan Suarez
Mother of Joseph '11

July 29, 2021
Carleen Bergandi
Wife of Donald Bergandi '65

July 30, 2021
Robert Ellerbrock '58

† Deceased

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Hundreds are remembered in prayer by our monks and students. Contact the Development Office at 815-250-0347 or jeannie@st-bede.com for a memorial packet. A memorial packet sample can be found on the Ways to Give page on our website under Support.

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